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## Senior Finals are Reinstated

by Lucy Drotning

Seniors will be required to take final examinations this June, but those with a B or higher in a course will be exempt from that examination. Those seniors who participate in the senior-project program will also be excused from their exams, as suggested by a committee formed to study the question.

The topic of senior finals has been a controversial one. Some people felt that second-semester finals have no purpose because seniors have already been accepted to colleges by that time. Others thought that seniors would not work hard if finals were not given.

The members of the committee were department chairmen Robert Brown, Jerry Graham, Robert Hanson, David McNamara, and Francis Warnement. Dr. James Hayes was the head of the committee.

The recommendations made by the committee were:

1) Senior finals should be given and at the same time exams are given to juniors and

sophomores.

2) Senior-project students should be exempted from finals. Consensus was not reached at this time regarding the exemption of A and B students.

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## Coming Events

December

19 School closes at end of workday - Winter Vacation begins

25 Christmas Day

January

1 New Year's Day

3 Wooster High School Debate

5 School opens

9-10 Tallmadge Debate

10 Rocky River: I.E. and Two-person Debate

13 School Board - 8:00 p.m.

14 Junior Parents Meeting

16 School closes at end of workday

19 Martin Luther King Day

20 School Opens, Sophomore Parents Meeting

20-23 Final Exams

23 Close of First Semester

24 SAT-ACH 8:00 - 12:30

26 Second Semester Begins



MARTIN

Shaker's Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Fred Mosier, in one of its after school rehearsals.

## Religious Music Halted by Shaker School Board

by Virginia Harding & Tamela Thornton

The Shaker Heights City School Board has received a great deal of attention from the media this month. The local CBS evening news of December 2 ran stories at 6:00 and 11:00 on the recent controversy in the Shaker school system over the singing of sacred holiday music. The coverage included shots of the Chanticleers, a small vocal ensemble under the direction of John E. Everson, performing at the Society for the Blind, interspersed with comments on the situation by Superintendent of Schools Jack P. Taylor.

After the performance that afternoon, approximately two-thirds of the Chanticleers visited the Administration Building on their own initiative to sing Christmas carols as a protest to the Board policy passed last February. The students, after singing such religious pieces as *Silent Night*, *Holy Night*, were greeted cordially by the Superintendent. Dr. Taylor told the students that he was sorry they could not understand the need to be sensitive to the minorities in the community.

The policy, Board policy A512,

about which the students were angry, was passed last February. Many believe that it was drawn up as a result of reaction to previous choral concerts, some of which have been over two-thirds sacred music. The statement on Religious Education - Religious Holidays states that "while individual pieces of music may

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## Editors Visit Bellefaire

Several students at Bellefaire School have started a school newspaper. Allison Finney, Robert Griffith, Jeremy Perelman, Michael Schwartz, and Jim Terrior are the students in charge of publishing *The Campus Voice*. Faculty advisers include Flora Salvatore and Charlotte Shore.

Recently, three editors of *The Shakerite*, Greg Epp, Michelle VanValkenburg, and Wendy Weitzner, visited with the newspaper staff at Bellefaire and shared information and ideas with them. Carol Gandal, another teacher at Bellefaire, arranged the visit.



Chanticleers perform outside the Colony Theater at Shaker Square on November 28.



Opinion

## Artistic Expression Stifled

by Michele Minter

On the heels of the leveling dilemma, the second major controversy of the school year has arrived. With the arrival of the holiday season, the Administrators are enforcing the School Board's policy that no sacred holiday music is to be performed or rehearsed at the high school (the "Hallelujah" chorus has been exempted.)

To some degree the Board's position is understandable. It is important that all members of the diverse community should receive sensitive treatment concerning their beliefs. There are undoubtedly Jewish parents who do not want to listen to Christmas music.

But at so great a cost? The fact stands that much great music - in fact most in some periods - is religiously oriented. There is no comparison to those works, and the students are being deprived of a great opportunity. Art cannot be ignored because someone disagrees with the beliefs of its creator! The Bible is studied by sophomore English classes for its literary value; why not Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols* for its musical value? As long as there is no intent to worship, no one should find anything offensive except poor singing!

As a choir member, I have talked to many Jewish students about this situation. None of the ones I have talked to minded singing Christmas music. Many felt that it was traditional.

The choir has offered to add more Jewish music to its programs in order to give equitable representation. This would not only give the singers the opportunity to study music of another culture, but please the parents who like seasonal music. I urge the Board to rethink its policy and consider this idea. Wouldn't it be more constructive to encourage knowledge and acceptance of differences instead of downplaying them?

Opinion

## Vacation Discrimination

by Andrea Nagy

One of the most important principles on which the United States was founded is the separation of church and state. However, it is often difficult to draw that line of separation, and unreasonable restrictions sometimes occur. In the controversy over religious music, there has been one long-standing discrimination which has been overlooked concerning "Winter Vacation." The refusal to refer to the recess as "Christmas Vacation" is another example of the prevailing discrimination against the majority at Shaker who celebrate Christmas.

The winter break should logically be called Christmas Vacation - the full eight days of Hanukkah seldom fall within the two weeks. In addition, our holidays in the fall are unashamedly called "Rosh Hashonah" and "Yom Kippur." If there is to be only "Winter Vacation," then we must also have an "Early Autumn Vacation" and a "Mid Autumn Vacation." To call one holiday by its proper name, while covering up the other with a euphemism, is inconsistent and discriminates against well over half of the students at Shaker.

It is ironic that in the attempt to correct a long history of discrimination against both racial and religious minorities, people have sometimes gone so far as to give an unfair disadvantage to the majority. In their effort to treat all religious groups equally, the administration should eliminate this unfair practice and go back to the name of "Christmas Vacation." It is my hope that the administration will take a small but significant step toward correcting this prejudice against the majority of the students.

Opinion

## Rivalry Out of Hand

by Michele Minter

An interesting incident occurred at Shaker on November 21; students with crowbars had to be forcibly removed from our school grounds. What for? And why Shaker?

That's pretty obvious. Everyone at Shaker has received entertainment from our long-standing rivalry with Cleveland Heights. Unfortunately, it's getting out of hand.

School spirit is a great thing. It encourages participation and pride in school events. A friendly rivalry can really contribute to school pride. But how friendly are "Heights Bites" buttons? And one of my informers tells me that the typical Heights student has a "Shaker Sucks" button somewhere. Why?

The Heights - Shaker football and basketball games are some of the best attended of the season, even if the team isn't doing well. Why? There are always good fights off the playing field.

Some competition is good - small wars aren't. Crowbars are dangerous. Knife fights are dangerous. Heights doesn't have to be the enemy. If you're looking for an enemy, become a mercenary.

## Student Council Changes Policy

by Connie Hartley

Once again, Student Council has decided to have advisory group representatives to the Council. Earlier this year, it was decided that the Student Council would be open to anyone who was interested. As a result, not all of the advisory groups were represented and communication was very poor. The decision was deemed unconstitutional, because the council constitution states that representatives must be elected.

Because of the lack of representation, the Administration asked the Student Council to go back to the A.G. representative system. According to President Jody Levine, basically the same people that came optionally to the Student Council meetings are now coming as representatives. She hopes that all students will be represented equally under the new plan.

## Your Letters

The Shakerite welcomes letters expressing all viewpoints. Letters should be as concise as possible and are subject to editing. All letters must include a signature and advisory group number. Submit letters to Mr. Randall in Room 100 or to any Shakerite editor.

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# Teachers Undergo T.E.S.A. Training

by Stuart Freedman

The entire faculty of Shaker Heights High School is currently undergoing an in-service training program called Teacher Expectations and Student Achievement. According to Shaker's co-ordinator, William Trost, the goals of this program are to improve teaching style in the context of a class as a whole, while reinforcing the needs of the "low achiever" through the application of three major "strands" or techniques.

The teachers meet for T.E.S.A. workshops for two hours every month. During this time, they work in small groups to concentrate on certain elements of the major techniques in a situation similar

to a classroom.

Various teachers in the district went to these workshops when they were initiated last year. Since that time, 160 teachers of all levels (elementary, junior high, and high school) have completed the five-month course.

Mr. Trost emphasizes that this program has some limitations, and that it is not a course in conflict management. Rather, it attempts to alert the teachers to how they might deal with a "low achiever" and make him productive in the class. T.E.S.A. tries to make the student, as well as the teacher, feel more positively about his education.

## Ohio National Guard Offers Scholarships

High school seniors are now eligible for a new \$1500 Federal Enlistment if they enlist in certain skill areas in the Ohio Army National Guard for a six year period.

The skill areas include artillery, armor crewman, infantry, basic medical specialist, air defense artillery, military police and combat engineer.

The \$1500 Bonus is payable over a four-year period: \$750 after satisfactory completion of the initial active duty for training, \$200 at the end of both the second and third years of service and \$350 at the completion of the fourth year.

The six-year enlistment means an initial active duty for training period, usually three to six months long, at a Regular Army installation and then a minimum of one weekend a month and two weeks annual training, usually during the summer.

The Ohio National Guard Scholarship, available to any six-year Guard enlistee, will pay 100 percent tuition at a state assisted college, community college and technical college. It will also pay the average of all state tuition charges at a private college recognized by the Ohio Board of Regents. The

Scholarship, a state benefit, can only be used at Ohio colleges and applies only to full-time undergraduate work.

Over the six-year period, a high school senior could reasonably expect to receive \$16,000 or more in pay and benefits. This would include the \$1500 Enlistment Bonus, at least \$4000 in tuition assistance and over \$10,000 in pay.

Guard pay is monthly.

For more information on the bonus, or other Ohio National Guard benefits, seniors are asked to contact their local Ohio National Guard armories or call toll-free 1-800-282-7310.

## Ski Club Is on the Lift

The ski club has formed again this year. There are eighty-two members under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Smith, Charles Hendrickson, and Emil Knorr. The club will ski at Boston Mills on Friday evenings when weather permits. The cost this year is \$35.00 if one owns skis and \$50.00 if he does not. This price includes ski equipment, lessons, and at least five ski trips. There are lessons for beginning, intermediate, and advanced skiers.



Dean Hall, a member of the chess club, practices by playing against a computer.

## Shaker's Chess Team Checkmates Opponents

by Kathryn Kleiman

The Shaker Varsity Chess team opened its 1980-81 season with an impressive victory over the chess team from John Carroll University. Arranged by Bryan Lilly, the game was the first played against a college team. Results of the tournament included victories by first board Bryan Lilly, third board Peter Christian, and fourth board Iverson Traylor. Other results included a forfeit to fifth board Sam Diener and a loss by second board Adi Mintz. Bryan won the day's top victory, beating the coach of the John Carroll team.

Shaker Chess Club meets everyday in Room 201 under the leadership of Co-captains, Peter Christian and Bryan Lilly and Adviser Fred Brown. Active members of the Varsity team

include Dean Hall, Arthur Mayer, Jim Ault, and Alec Nagy. The club holds round-robin tournaments throughout the year. Help for new members is provided by Peter and Bryan, both members of the U.S. Chess Federation. Bryan encourages new members and adds, "I would also like to see some girls interested in participating in the club."

The Shaker Chess Club has a past record of excellence. Recognized as one of the top teams in Cleveland and in the country, current members hope to continue the record. This year the team will play against local high school teams, college teams, and possibly in the national high school championships.

## Newly Organized Club Accommodates Riders

by Gretchen Halbin

Shaker's newly formed Riding Club was created by Gretchen Halbin and Hilary Byrne. Every Friday, members go to Dorchester Farms to ride. The club was formed so that advanced riders would have a chance to work hard on uncrowded situations.

The members work on dressage and jumping. In the future, the club hopes to com-

pete in local shows and to form a drill team.

The club instructor is Mary Boltan, a graduate of Lake Erie College with a degree in equestrian studies. She is pleased with the number of people who are interested in riding.

The club is now practicing to strengthen their riding skills so they can compete in shows.



# Suicide Takes Toll in Today's Society

by Amy Glaser & Susan Glaser

Suicide, the voluntary taking of one's own life, is a major social problem in the United States today. For teenagers, suicide is now the third leading cause of death in the United States and is often a desperate cry for help.

While there are many causes of suicide, in teenagers the desire to kill oneself usually results from feelings of insecurity or inadequacy. Many feel they are not "measuring up" to someone else's expectations or desires and believe that their death will punish those demanding too much. Another prominent cause of adolescent suicide is a loss of an important part of their life. This includes failure in school or a rejection of love. Often these people feel they have nothing left to live for.

It has been said that 80 percent of all suicides in the next year could be saved. Yet these lives will probably be wasted because of the public's ignorance in dealing with a potential suicide. A major characteristic of a suicidal person is a change in mood. This person is often emotionally depressed and frequently begins giving away his most loved and valued possessions, signaling that he has nothing left to live for. Most important is a suicide threat or plan. Eight out of ten people attempting suicide hint to people about their plans. Yet all

too frequently they are not taken seriously.

The most frequent method of suicide for the young is gunshot wounds, followed closely by overdoses. Males seem to prefer the gun, while females usually choose the less dramatic approach by overdosing or poisoning themselves. Many doctors believe that the method used to inflict self-injury can be connected to the reason for doing so. For example, male teenagers rebelling against restrictions most frequently use a gun, which symbolizes an act of violence.

Frequently, when a suicidal person attempts to take his own life as an effort to gain attention, a valuable life is lost. Often the person has no real wish to die, but only to injure himself to the point where people would recognize and help him with his problems. Another possible reason for taking one's own life is the failure to comprehend the finality of death. People in this category are unable to understand how their lives could just stop so suddenly.

Teenage suicide has suddenly reached epidemic proportions in the United States. Everyone should learn to recognize the signs that signal a potential suicide and know where to go for help, whether it be a professional counselor, teacher, parent, or friend.



Dance Club practices for the winter show. The dance club will perform during periods two, four, and six in the girls' gym, today.

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## Gristmill Staff Commences Hard Work on Yearbook

by Barb Kancelbaum

The Shaker High School yearbook, more widely known as *The Gristmill*, is now being put together by an enthusiastic and hardworking staff. According to Bill Mellin, *The Gristmill's* Editor-in-chief, this year's format emphasizes creativity and quality. Along these lines, he and his assistant editors, Sue Berger and Jodi Lenkoski, are hoping to change the image of *The Gristmill* from a club to a more professional working operation.

The *Gristmill* staff is at work from September to March. It is composed of photography editor David Gray and his staff of six photographers, layout editor Laura Knowlton and her staff of ten, business manager Cindy Schaffer, and teacher adviser James Hoffman as well as the general editors. Meeting in Room 312 during 8th period,

after school hours, and occasional weekends, these people collaborate in selecting pictures, laying them out in page form, and promoting sales.

While photos can be submitted until the final deadline in March, at which time the complete 288-page volume must be turned in to the printer, the first 178 pages are due on December 16. The *Gristmill* staff is now in the midst of the rush to complete this section.

The two-day advance sale of *The Gristmill* at \$14.00 was a big success, report the editors, adding that the limited quantity of yearbooks left will probably be on sale again at the end of January at a presently undisclosed higher price. This year's yearbook promises to be good, and *The Gristmill* staff is eagerly encouraging students to purchase it.

## Religious Music Silenced

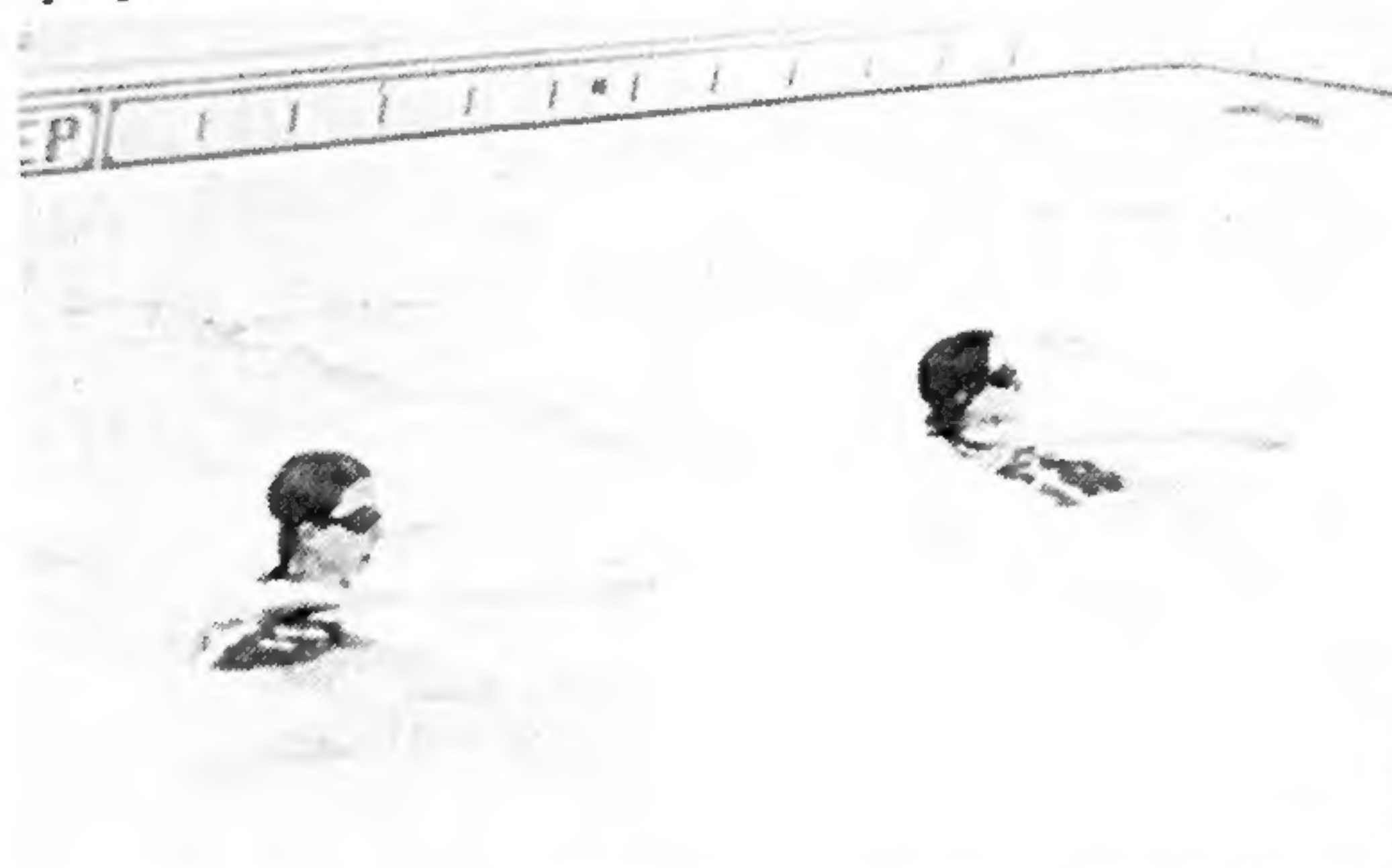
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be performed for their musical value, the total effect of a music program or concert should be non-religious." So that students do not feel pressured to participate in programs contrary to their beliefs, "Shaker Heights City Schools should avoid practices which operate to single out and isolate the 'different' pupils." Via two memos issued to all professional staff members on November 6 and 13, Dr. Taylor interpreted the policy so as to exclude all sacred

holiday music from classrooms or choral performances. One exception, however, has been permitted; George Fredrick Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" yesterday evening as it has been for the past 30 years.

The issue was first brought to the eyes of the general public in a front-page article in the *Cleveland Press* on December 1. The story publicized the heated issue within the school system which arises from the dilemma

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Sheri Bloom and Ann Christie practice their duet for the winter Shares show. The Shares will present their show during periods one, three, and five, today, in the pool.



# Magnet Schools May Bring Racial Balance

by Paula Tuffin

Many solutions have been suggested to achieve racial balance in school systems. One solution for Shaker Heights may be magnet schools. A magnet school is a school with "... a special education program that offers something different," explains Dr. Guy Sconzo, Coordinator of the Magnet School Study.

The special programs may possibly include math, science, language, or computer studies. Dr. Sconzo hopes that having these programs in three or four of the elementary schools will encourage enough varied enrollment to obtain a 40-percent minority level in each of the elementary schools.

The magnet schools could also offer education from different types of classrooms. For instance, one school could offer the traditional structured class, and another could offer the open classroom concept where each child works at his or her own pace.

At present, nothing definite is known about what will happen to the magnet school students after they finish elementary school,

## Holiday Music

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over what type of music can be performed. Many of the students involved with the music department at the high school are irate, for they believe that the music is being performed for its musical value rather than any religious reasons.

Some of these musicians were able to express their viewpoints on November 14 in a meeting with Principal C.A. Zimmerman, Assistant Superintendent Perry Clark, and Administrator Don Stratton. Although the administration entertained questions for a whole period, most of the Chanticleers present felt the meeting did not provide students with many answers.

Clearly, progress has been made already in this controversial issue, and the administration feels that "if we work together we can develop a truly meaningful and secure experience for each child that we serve."

but Dr. Sconzo suggested that the enrichment program might be continued on the junior and senior high school level. Implementation of this program, however, will not alter the basic education of the students. An extra hour will be designated for the enrichment program.

Other programs such as the one suggested for Shaker Heights have been successful at achieving racial balance in San Diego, and, closer to home, Cleveland Heights. A Magnet School Committee made up of elementary school teachers is in the process of reviewing the idea and surveying parents. After the idea leaves the committee, it will be reviewed by the Superintendent, and finally, the School Board. If the program passes, it is probable that it will be put into effect in September of 1981.



Dennis Sullivan sings a solo in the St. Dominic's production of South Pacific.

## Bill Mellin Wins NCTE Distinction

by Gail Gandal

Each February, Shaker participates in a writing contest sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English (N.C.T.E.). This year's winner is Bill Mellin.

Each year, four junior students are nominated by their English teachers to enter the contest. N.C.T.E. sends the school a question, and the



Shaker Students, Peggy Pozdol, far left, and Bethany Endrei, Second from right, sing in company of South Pacific.

## Shaker Students Participate in Musical *South Pacific*

by Jay Friedman

*South Pacific*, a hit Broadway musical, was recently performed by St. Dominic's Youth Council. Many Shaker Heights High School students contributed

to this production.

The following students held roles in the play: Rick Walker, Tom Sundheim, Todd Beard, Paul Yoe, Bob Sundheim, Charles Murray, Charles Hall, Terri Hall, Carol Nesper, Peggy Pozdol, Bethany Endrei, and Angela Pozdol. Cathy Calister helped with the stage crew. Dennis Sullivan, a 1980 Shaker graduate, also participated in the production. Another 1980 graduate, John Markley, was the stage manager.

The following junior high school students were also involved in the musical: From Woodbury, Peggy Sullivan, Michael McElroy, Lisa Volpe, and Lisa Valerian; Andy Martines, from Byron, was on the stage crew.

*South Pacific* takes place at an American-held Polynesian island in the South Pacific during World War II. It deals with the prejudices between Polynesians and whites and Polynesians and blacks. It is the story about people who, although they are in love, cannot get married because of these prejudices and other social pressures. The show has many memorable songs from the immortal team of Rodgers and Hammerstein.

Next spring, the St. Dominic Youth Council will produce *Fantasy of Broadway Part Two*. The cast will include basically the same members as *South Pacific*.

students must write extemporaneously for an hour in response. Along with this paper, they submit the piece of writing they feel is their best accomplishment.

A high school teacher and a college teacher both read the paper. If they both deem it excellent, the writer is

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# Photo Caption Contest



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# Senior Finals Reinstated

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3) Deadline should be set for senior grades to be submitted and in sufficient time for senior failures to be reported to parents by counselors.

a) Counselors state that parents should be notified of seniors who have failed and cannot participate in graduation or who will not receive their diplomas at least five days prior to commencement.

4) Teachers of seniors who may fail should send progress reports of the probable failures followed by telephone calls three weeks prior to final exams.

a) Teachers should report to department chairmen of telephone contacts made to parents regarding failures.

5) Senior final exams should be constructed to last 2½ hours rather than three.

6) No student should fail where the teacher neglects to send progress reports to parents and make follow-up telephone calls.

The recommendations were given to Mr. Zimmerman who made the final decision. For the most part, he followed the recommendations of the committee. He agreed that there should be senior finals. He based the decision on committee recommendations and last year's experience.

The cancellation of finals last year was a decision made by Mr. Zimmerman with the support of many teachers. As soon as the cancellation was announced seniors stopped working. The over-excitement of seniors also caused other problems.

Mr. Zimmerman said that teachers will have a responsibility to contact the home about a student's problems and failing grades. The deadline for notification of failing grades will be earlier. The procedure for senior finals in 1981 will not have any different characteristics from those of previous years.

# Club Explores Careers

by Kathryn Kleiman

Interested in a different type of youth group? Interested in finding out about your future? Exploring may be the answer. Exploring is the fastest-growing youth organization in the country. Its program acquaints students, ages 14 to 21, with businesses and professions.

The purpose of Exploring is to discover careers. Every Explorer post has a group of students working with businesses specializing in specific career areas. Programs include medicine, science, social work and business. Posts meet in hospitals, police and fire departments, colleges, and factories. Cleveland posts include aviation research at NASA, computer programming at TRW, broadcasting at TV-8, and medicine at Cleveland Clinic.

Exploring programs combine learning and working. Explorers often become important parts of hospital, police, and fire department volunteer staffs. Members of science and business posts work on year-long projects in architecture, accounting and computer programming. These projects combine knowledge of the area with practical problems faced by business.

Exploring also involves outdoor activities. High-adventure posts participate in hiking and camping activities in parks throughout the country. Post 106, meeting at Shaker Heights High School, is one of Cleveland's largest and most active posts. Past activities include white-water rafting, winter camping, and skiing trips. The post expects another fine year under presidents Rob Stupay, Carol Martin, Jenny Winkelman, and Hilary Burkman. Other types of outdoor posts work with boating and aviation.

Every year national events bring Explorers together from around the country. National Explorer President's Congress and National Explorer Olympics draw thousands of Explorers with leadership and athletic talents. Cleveland activities include camping weekends, career days, and road races.

Anyone interested in looking at lists of the Cleveland posts or asking questions should contact Kathryn Kleiman through homeroom M-12.

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# Foreigners Attend Shaker

by Cheryl A. Morgan

## *Torkel Rhenman*

If Shaker students believe that all Swedes are strikingly blond-haired and intensely blue-eyes, they're not likely to identify Torkel Rhenman of Stockholm, Sweden, for he does not completely fit the description and could therefore pass by looks as an American. But when one speaks with Torkel, a mild-mannered and earthy young man, more of his Swedish character shows.

Torkel is not an exchange student, but a resident of Shaker. In 1974-76 he and his family lived in Boston, Massachusetts because of his father's position as a professor at Harvard.

Torkel explained that this time was the most difficult, for he had to adjust to the language. "In the beginning my English wasn't that good, but it didn't take very long." He also added that he adjusted quickly to his environment.

From 1976-80, the Rhenmans moved back to their homeland, only to return again to the United States, and fortunately moved to Shaker. Torkel, a senior, finds Shaker Heights High School very interesting. "The teachers at Shaker are the best I have ever met. An important reason for this is that they are really interested in what they are teaching."

Also, Torkel discussed the difference between Shaker and his school, the Gymnasium, which includes the tenth grade through the first-year of college. In the Gymnasium students choose one course of main study and work around that major. "The school I went to in Stockholm of which the Gymnasium is a part, is different in that it is much smaller, about one-third of Shaker, and also the students are from seven to nineteen years of age."

Among the most popular recreational activities in Sweden are outdoor sports. Torkel said that Swedes spend much of their leisure time hiking and camping.

As far as Americans are concerned, he likes them too. "It is very easy to get along with Americans," he said, "They are easy to talk with and easy to be with. They are a very friendly people."



Torkel Rhenman, of Stockholm, Sweden, finds adjusting to the American culture easy.

## *Katherine Rivat*

The American Field Service organization is sponsoring only one exchange student for the 1980-81 school year. Her name is Katherine Francoise Rivat of Grenoble, France; she lives on Colby Road at the home of sophomore Kathy Arnold.

Kate, 18, is a tall friendly girl who enjoys skiing, dancing, and knitting. She plays classical piano superbly. In Grenoble, Kate taught skiing to youngsters. This winter she hopes to go to Aspen to ski.

As for dancing, Kate has had a few problems in getting into some Cleveland discos. "In France there are no age restrictions. And there is no problem with alcohol because it costs too much. So mostly the younger people drink coffee." Besides going to discos, Kate keeps her weekends busy with shopping and going to parties, as most Shaker students do.

Kate's exchange to Shaker is her first visit to the United States. She likes Americans and calls them "open," "friendly," and "easy to talk with." As trite as it may seem, Kate's biggest culture shock was an American saying, "Not very many French people say, 'Oh, my God!'"

As far as school is concerned, Kate loves school life here. "There is more of a friendly relationship between teacher and student." She even goes on to say that school life here is like a "second home." "In France it is more strict. One can only study. But here you have clubs, and sports."

When asked to compare the people in France to those in the U.S. she replied, "I cannot. The people I know are not all of France. And besides, I would make France be the better because it is my home. I can't compare."

When asked about an interesting event or experience, she talked about the football games. "I didn't understand everything, but I realized that our team was special. I even got mad when we lost." Well, that goes to show one doesn't have to be a native to understand the game.



Kate Rivat, of Grenoble, France, is pleased with the teacher-student relationship at Shaker.





Martha Conway in rehearsal for *Ah Wilderness* in which she portrayed Mildred Miller, December 12-13.

## Nostalgic Production Involved Staff Actors

by Andy Pollis

The drama department presented the play, *Ah, Wilderness!* by Eugene O'Neill on December 11, 12 and 13 in the large auditorium. The play, directed by James Thornton, was the first production for this school year and marks the beginning of Mr. Thornton's second year as drama department director. As such, he is continuing to develop the kind of theatre department in *Ah, Wilderness!* that he began with *Tom Jones* last year.

Perhaps one of the most interesting and encouraging facets of the drama department these past two years has been the guest artist-faculty involvement program which began last year with *Spring's Awakening*. In that show, thirteen faculty members participated in on-stage roles, and Chicago actor Richard Henzel made a special appearance. This program is being continued this year, and in *Ah, Wilderness!* two faculty members appeared with the student cast. Gar Aikens, English teacher here at Shaker, played the role of Nat Miller, the head of an early twentieth-century family, and Henry Strater played Mrs. Miller's brother Sid, a good-natured drunk. Said Dr. Strater: "I think that from my standpoint, it's an experience and a challenge for me. I'm learning as much as the students are, and I think I'm making a positive contribution to the production."

Mr. Thornton sees the guest artist-faculty participation program as having two basic advantages. "Firstly," he said, "it gives students the chance to work with talented and experienced people. This adds to their experience, as well as to student-teacher communication. Furthermore, faculty members who participate in productions become aware of the hard work and effort put into them."

"Secondly, working with experienced actors such as Richard Henzel allows us to put on plays of higher caliber than we would otherwise be able to do, such as *Ah, Wilderness!* and even more so with *Spring's Awakening*."

The students in *Ah, Wilderness!* felt the same way about faculty participation. Joe Allen, who played Richard Miller in the play (which he professes as being only his second role in a play in his life) felt that having adult cast members was a clear advantage. "The faculty sometimes knows better than we do about certain things," he said. "I enjoy working with them; they're very understandable."

*Ah, Wilderness!* can best be described as a nostalgic play that in some way reminds everybody of something within himself. It is said to be loosely autobiographical, but it also seems to suggest to its audience what a typical early twentieth-century family values, which hold up (or perhaps especially) today.



In a scene from the rehearsal of *Ah Wilderness*, Shaker's first theatrical production, Ric Walker, speaks to restless Jennifer Cohen and Joe Allen.

## Cardinal is Drama Assistant

by Sara Lehman

Those avid Shaker theatre goers who happen to read the program carefully may have noticed an unfamiliar name which appeared in all three programs last year, Vincent Cardinal. He is and has been James Thornton's assistant, and is working with this year's acting ensemble.

Vince, a tall, skinny, handsome twenty-year-old, has been acting since he was eight. He has worked in many area theatres and has done such shows as *The Wizard of Oz*, *Our Town*, *The Fantastiks*, and also *Songs to Aging Children*, presented here at Shaker. His major theatrical training has been with Mr. Thornton and Kurt Summers. He has worked with Richard Henzel, Dottie Goodman, and Second City.

As well as working on *Songs to Aging Children*, Vince helped to write the show. Presently he is beginning to create, with the help of the ensemble, a show written in the same manner as *Runaways*.

With the ensemble made up of 19 students, he is working in improvisation and ensemble acting. Vince hopes to start touring with this group sometime in the spring. He believes the ensemble to be an excellent supplement to a good training program. "I am glad to be able to work here, and be a part of one of the best high school theatre departments in the country," he said.



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# Girls' B-Ball Season off to a Good Start

by Bill McGovern

The Raiderettes open their 1980-81 basketball campaign on a winning note. They commenced on November 25, at home, with an impressive victory over Regina, 50-35. The scoring was led by junior Kris Roselli, who dumped in 25 of Shaker's 50 points.

Returning players are seniors Monica Davis, Lelia True, Marge Williams, Sandi Lee, and junior Kris Roselli. Two transfer students, Vonda Jackson from Cleveland Heights and Val Wilkson from Wickliffe, have both made the Varsity team and look as if they will play an integral part in the success of this team.

The Raiderettes, led by Coach Mark Leimsieder, have suffered some injuries early in the season, yet none is considered serious. Injured are Monica Davis and Marge Williams, both with sprained ankles, and Sandi Lee is nursing a pulled Achilles tendon. The depth of the Raiderettes has thus far pulled them through the injuries.

As of yet, there are no sophomores on the team, but according to Leimsieder, "That can change any time." The captain of the team is Lelia True, who last year was a member of the prestigious All LEL team.

Coach Leimsieder and the girls are looking forward to a successful season.



Sophomore Jackie Goulden takes a free-throw shot.

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## Sports Events This Winter

Basketball					
December			23 Brunswick Invit.	A	7:00
19 Shaw	A	6:45	January		
27 Lakewood	H	6:45	9 Parma	A	7:30
30 Willoughby South	A	6:30	16 Garfield	A	7:30
January			23 Cleve. Hts.	H	7:30
3 Normandy	A	6:45	December		
9 Parma	H	6:45	19 Midpark	H	7:30
13 Valley Forge	H	6:45	January		
16 Garfield	H	6:45	9 Orange	H	7:30
23 Cleve. Hts.	A	6:45	16 Shaw	A	7:30
			23 Brush	H	7:30
Girls' Basketball			Swimming		
December			December		
30 JFK	H	2:00	20 Thornton Tourn.		
January			21 Thornton Tourn.		
6 Collinwood	H	4:00	22 Thornton Tourn.		
8 Lakewood	H	6:30	January		
15 Normandy	A	6:30	3 Normandy	H	4:30
22 Shaw	H	6:30	6 Garfield	A	7:30
Wrestling			10 Valley Forge	H	4:30
December			17 Parma	A	6:00
19 Bedford	H	7:30	24 Rocky River	H	4:30
22 Brunswick Invit.	A	6:30			

## Sports Trivia Quiz

1. What pro basketball player has played the most games without a disqualification?
2. What basketball team has had the most seasons as league champion?
3. Who is the football player who holds the record for the most seasons as an active

player?

4. Who is the football player who holds the record for the most yards gained in a lifetime?

5. Who is the football quarterback who holds the record for most yards gained passing in a season?

6. What football team has allowed the fewest points in a season since 1932?

7. Where did hockey originate?

8. What is the highest recorded score in any first-class soccer match?

9. What is the longest college winning streak and by what team?

10. What is the name of the quarterback who has attempted the most passes in a lifetime?

11. What is the record for the longest punt?

12. What is the record for the longest putt?

13. What is the record for the longest golf drive?

14. What is the largest recorded soccer crowd?

15. What is the record for the highest puck speed on a slap shot?

16. What is the record for the most consecutive free throws?

For answers, see page ten.

## All-Ohio, All-LEL Teams Named

Once again Shaker can boast of its fine athletic program. Many Raider athletes gained recognition recently in their respective sports.

Al Raymond shared Coach of the Year honors with Heights' and Lakewood's Mentors for leading the team to a share of the championship. Following in Orlando Lowry's footsteps was James Tait, who was voted first-team All Ohio defensive end, an impressive recognition. Al Sutton became MVP of the entire LEL at running back though he played in only six games due to injury. Voted to the All-LEL team were Tait, Sutton, Mike Weingarten at offensive tackle, Don Stiggers, offensive guard, and Scott Whitley, defensive back.

The cross country team placed Robert Cunningham on the All-LEL team while the golf squad was represented by Mike Sload and Dean Gonzalez.

Roger Shorr achieved All-Ohio status in soccer while Marc Ellison joined him on first-team, all-division. Tim Hanna made the second team.

Not to be outdone were the girls, led by the volleyball team. Out of six first-team positions in the LEL, Raiders occupied four, led by captain Kathy Swartzbaugh, who was also recognized as MVP in the league. Joining Swartzbaugh as first-teamers were Chris Hill, Mary Lynn Garda and Kris Roselli. Coach Lucille Burkett was named Coach of the Year.

Although the OHSAA does not name all-league or all-state players in field hockey, Shaker would have many qualified candidates. Lelia True broke her junior scoring record with 38 goals on the year. The team closed the season with a victory in the Northeastern Ohio Women's Coaches' Association tournament.

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# Swimmers Hard at Work

by Eleanor Nagy

This year's Red Raider Swimming Team is working hard to prepare for a challenging season ahead. The first home meet is Friday, December 19, at 7:30 against Midpark.

Led by Coach Peter Linn and Assistant Coach Ken Culek, Shaker's swimmers are looking forward to a good season. The team gained twelve new sophomores this year and lost only three seniors from last year's team.

Hoping to improve the 7-3 record of last season, Mr. Linn has his swimmers practicing long hours every day. Starting at 6:30 each morning, the Raiders can be seen plunging

into Woodbury's or Shaker's pool for an hour of early workout. After school, they practice again from 3:45 until 6:00, and supplement all this with Saturday practices and frequent weight-lifting.

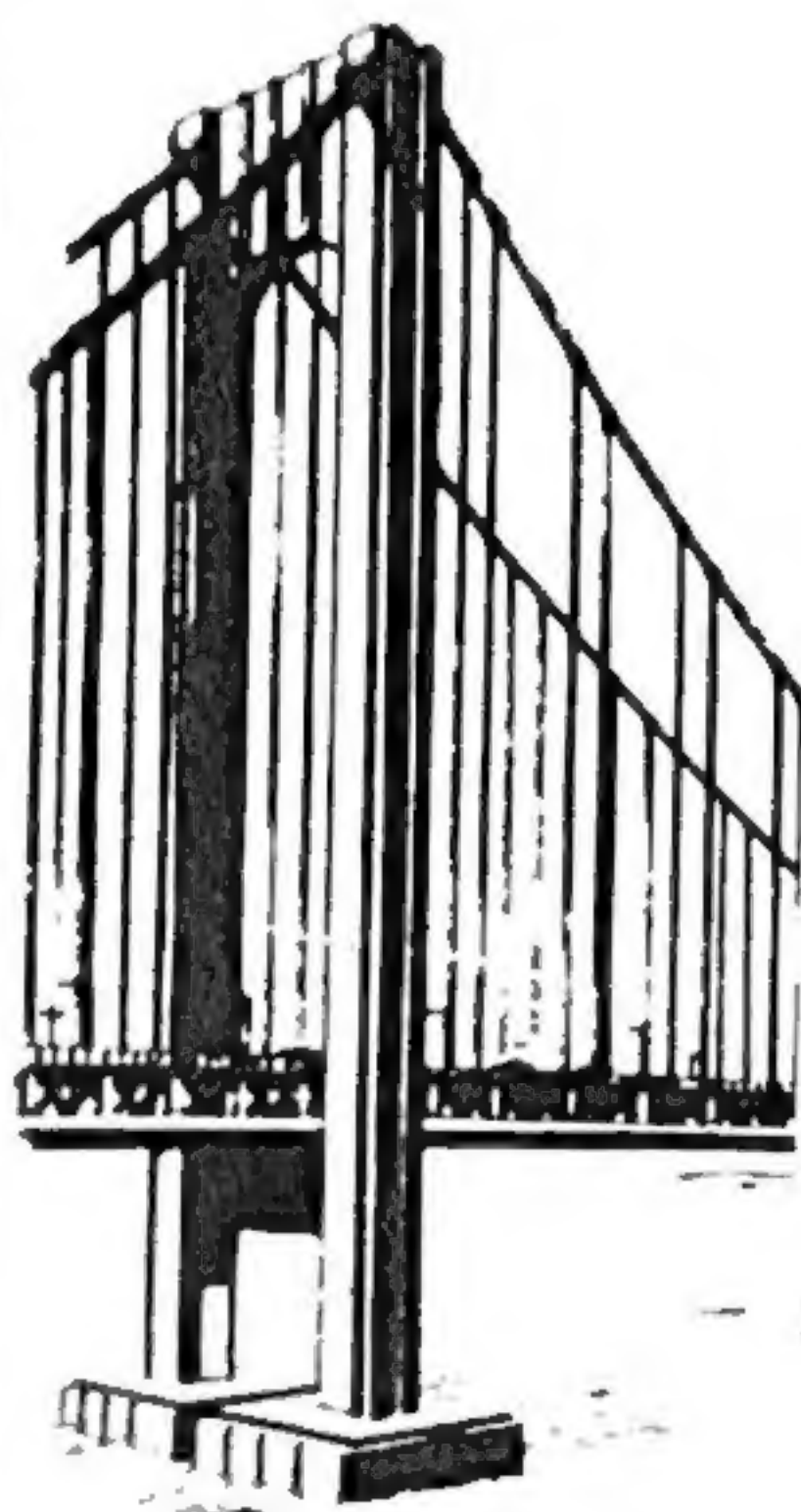
Last year, the hard work paid off; four swimmers reaching the state competition, and this year Mr. Linn also has high hopes for many of his juniors and seniors. Hoping to qualify for the state meet or at least place well in the district tournament are seniors Scott Blackhurst, Mike Duffett, and Jamie Gannon, and juniors John Beesley, John Dreyfuss, Gardner Goodridge, Scott Kiker, Gary Lewis, Jim Powers, John Sauerland, and Bill Watson.

Mr. Linn feels that, with a lot of hard work by these and all the other swimmers, along with good showings against tough rivals Berea, Lakewood, and Orange, the team can have a productive and successful year.

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Kevin Mallin takes a face-off for Shaker.

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## A Change of Pace

by Marc Ellison

With the fall of the first measurable snow and the beginning of basketball season, the world's most popular sport moves indoors from its natural outdoor habitat. The sport is soccer, now played inside by the Major Indoor Soccer League.

The indoor version of the game was first introduced to America as a pro sport by the visiting Russian Red Army team, six years ago. Their brand of soccer caught on like wildfire and led to the creation of the MISL in 1977. Later, the North American Soccer League, the Major Outdoor Soccer League in North America, formed its own indoor league.

Playing indoors, within the confines of a hockey rink, allows for fast-paced action and high scoring. With other adaptations

of hockey, such as "changing on the fly" and penalties, which create "power plays," the total number of goals scored in a game can easily reach nine or ten.

The talent in the MISL consists of the best in America. The Force, Cleveland's MISL franchise, has many highly skilled players from around the world.

## Trivia Answers

1. Wilt Chamberlain
2. Boston Celtics, 13
3. George Blanda, 26 years
4. Jim Brown, 12,312 yards.
5. Joe Namath in 1967.
6. The Chicago Bears of 1932 allowed 44 points the whole season.
7. Holland
8. On September 5, 1885, Arboath beat Bon Accord 36-0.
9. Oklahoma consecutively won 47 games in a row.
10. Fran Tarkenton with 5,225.
11. Ninety eight yards in 1969 by Steve O'Neal.
12. One hundred feet by Bobby Jones in the 1927 British Open.
13. George Bayer drove the ball 426 yards in 1953.
14. At the Brazil Uruguay game there were 205,000 fans.
15. Bobby Hull, 118.3 mph.
16. Ted St. Martin made 2,036 consecutive free throws.

## NCTE Contest

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designated an N.C.T.E. winner in writing achievement.

The honor is having one's name printed in a book along with all the winners across the nation. This list is sent to governors, congressmen, and heads of college English departments.

In the last twenty years, Shaker has always had at least one winner, but usually three or four awards are presented each year.



# "Bronco" Bartley

by Dan Rosenbaum

Mike Bartley, coach of the Shaker Hockey team, has led the Red Raiders to the LEL title each of the past four years. He has played hockey for a good part of his life, and he now passes on his expertise and experience to the team.

Mr. Bartley was born in Ontario, Canada and is a Canadian citizen by origin. He now lives in the U.S. on a permanent visa. He began playing hockey at the age of five and improved greatly in subsequent years. Eventually Mr. Bartley played Junior A Hockey in Ontario and was recruited by Bowling Green University, where he played on the varsity hockey team from 1970 to 1974, and he was a three time All-American.

His success as a collegiate hockey player brought Mr. Bartley to the attention of the Cleveland Crusaders of the WHS, who sent him to The American Hockey League in Jacksonville, Florida. At one time he was also a member of the Toledo International League and the North American Hockey League, when he was stationed in Lewiston, Maine. He decided to retire from hockey in the spring of 1975 mainly because of the violence, the physical demands of the sport, and the desire to try something new.

Mr. Bartley returned in the fall of 1975 to Bowling Green,

where he was a graduate assistant. He taught in the physical education department there and coached the JV Hockey team, which was known as the Club Team. He worked on his Masters' Degree in Health - Physical Education and received it in the summer of 1976.

He came to Shaker in the fall of 1976, and has been teaching health ever since that time. Mr. Bartley coached JV soccer from 1977 through last year, and he has coached the Hockey team all four years that he has been here. Besides winning the LEL, the Hockey team has won the City Championship (The Baron Cup) the past three years. Two years ago the team was defeated in the State Championship by Centerville, and last year they made it to the semi-finals, where they lost a hard-fought game to Toledo Central Catholic in overtime.

Mr. Bartley works long and hard with the team correcting mistakes and teaching them what he knows of the game. Although he misses hockey and the life of being an athlete, he enjoys teaching and being with the people here at Shaker. He plans to stay at Shaker for a while and continue his work here. This year the Raiders have another strong team, and Mr. Bartley hopes for another shot at the State Championship.



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Captain Mike Sload takes a shot. He had four tallies against Lakewood.

## Icers Whip Opponents

by Matt Glickman

The Shaker Hockey team began its season on Saturday, November 22, with an easy 26-5 victory over the visiting Garfield Bulldogs at Thornton Park.

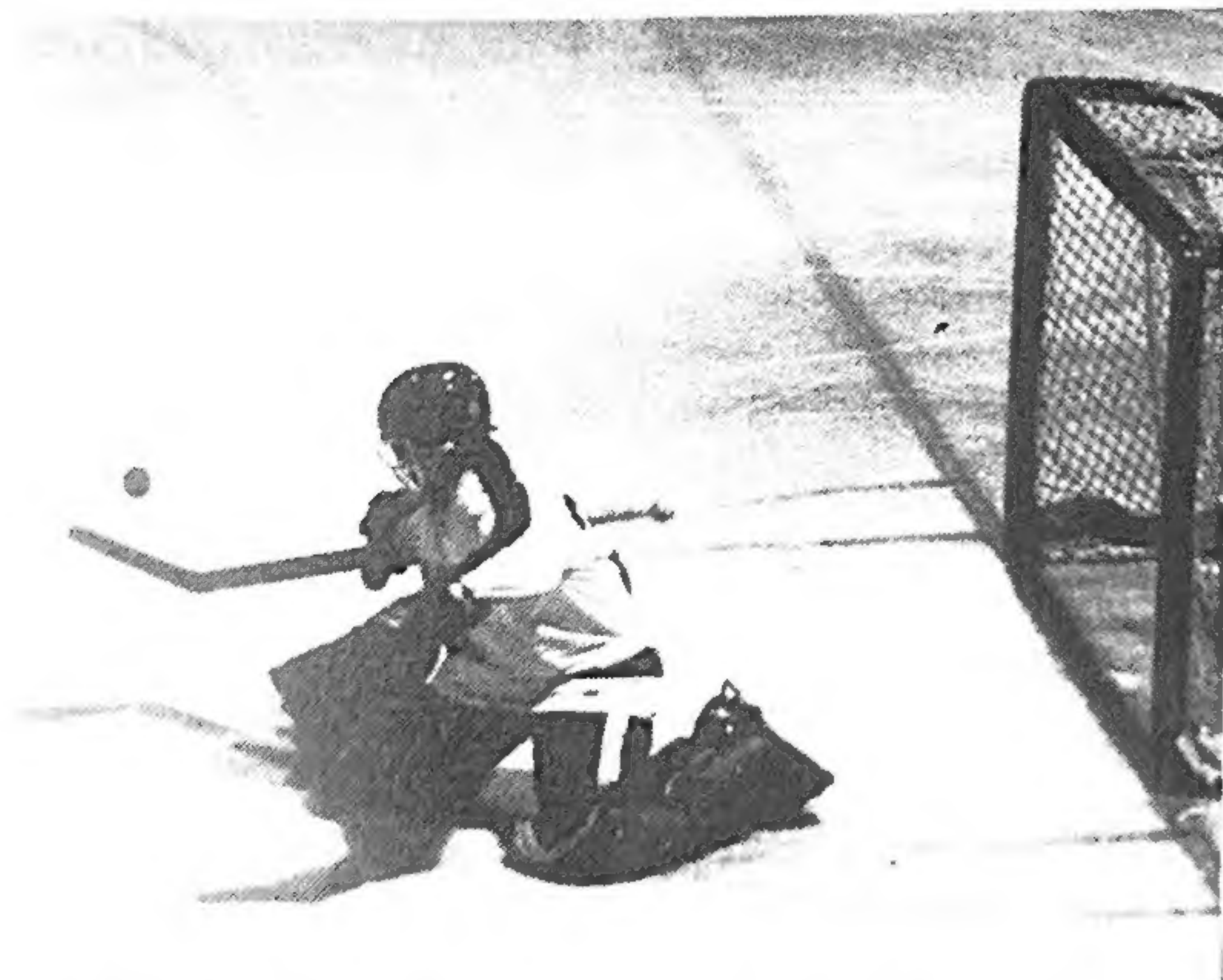
The Shaker icers led from the beginning, compiling a 6-0 lead after the first period, and a whopping 11-1 lead through two periods of play.

The Raiders also dominated in the shots on goal category, taking 40 shots on the Garfield goal, compared to Garfield's 27.

Scoring for Shaker were Mark Genger, Doug Hicks, and John Small, who each scored three times; Mike Sload and Mike

Calhoun, both adding two goals to the winning effort; and Bob Hart, Karl Mallin and Pat Rosselli, each chipping in one goal.

Shaker traveled to Parma and skated to a 13-1 victory over Valley Forge the next Saturday, November 29. The following day, Sunday, November 30, Shaker downed Lakewood at Thornton, 13-5. Leading scorers for the Raiders were Mike Sload, who had four goals and three assists, and former Junior Baron Doug Hicks who was credited with three goals and an assist.



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Shaker goalie Scott Wipper makes a save against Lakewood.



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Mark Spring, 25, prepares for a score.



## Drops Opener to Warrensville

# Basketball Squad Bows to Kennedy

by Jon Beard

The Raider basketball team has gotten off to a disappointing start this season, dropping the first two contests against Warrensville and John F. Kennedy High School. The roster of Shaker's team looks like this: Arne Morris, Jim Tait, Mike Lilly, Eric Smith, Derrick Cleveland, Rick Harris, James Poore, Brian Brooks, Kevin Dixon, Stephen Richardson, John Lowd, Karl Jefferson, Randy Barnes, Demetrius Jackson, and Kent Whitley.

There are only four returning players, so most of the team is relatively inexperienced at varsity play. Five players are from last year's JV squad and six are newcomers.

The day before Thanksgiving Shaker traveled to Warrensville for their first game. The Wildcats turned them back by a score of 76-50. Leading the Raider's losing cause was

Morris, with 18 points. The second-year forward hit on eight field goals and two foul shots. Following Morris in points scored were Tait, with ten, Smith, with eight, and Poore, with seven. Other Raider roundballers who scored were Brooks, with three, and Jackson, and Whitley, each with two.

The next game was at JFK the Friday following Thanksgiving. Once again the Raiders had nothing to be thankful for as Kennedy won easily, 72-64. Tait scored 20 points and controlled the boards with 15 rebounds. Morris tallied 16, and Lilly and Brooks added six apiece. Smith had four points and six assists. Dixon connected for four points, Harris for three, and Cleveland and Poore for two each.

The team still has 18 games ahead, and Coach Don Gacey expects an improved record.



Mike Lilly, 24, takes a jump-ball in the JFK game.

## Volleyballers have Outstanding Year

by Leslie Henshaw

Despite several disappointing moments, this year's volleyball team emerged as one of Shaker's finest, earning numerous individual and team honors.

The girls finished the year with an overall record of 25-3. They maintained a perfect slate during regular season play, with their only setbacks occurring in tournament action.

After capturing the LEL crown, the Red Raiders prepared for the opening round of state tournament play. When the tournament began, Shaker proved to be a dominating power, gaining convincing wins over early-round opponents. They advanced to district action and, continuing their winning ways, captured the district title for the third straight year. After earning the district crown, the team entered regional play, where they encountered a strong Stow team whom they battled for a berth in the regional finals. Although the girls' performance was superb, Stow played one of their best games of the season and ousted Shaker from tournament play.

In addition to the team's success, several members of the

squad earned individual laurels. At the Avon Lake Invitational, Chris Hill was selected most valuable player, and Captain Kathy Swartzbaugh was included on the all-tournament team. Swartzbaugh was also honored as a member of the all-tournament team at the Stow Invitational. Every year the coaches of each LEL team confer and select an all-LEL team composed of six players. This year four of Shaker's players, Mary Lynn Garda, Kris Rosselli, Hill and Swartzbaugh received this coveted award. In addition to being selected as a member of the all-LEL team, Swartzbaugh earned the highest honor in the league, receiving the award for the most valuable player in the LEL. The girls were not the only ones to be recognized for their achievements, as their coach, Lucy Burkett, was chosen as LEL coach of the year for the third consecutive season.



Senior Jim Tait, 44, puts up a free throw during the JFK game.

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